

late. Tax proposals that phase relief in over 2, 5, or 10 years provide nothing for today's economic slowdown. Additionally, legislation that promises a few extra dollars for individuals who do not have a tax liability to begin with, is simply not enough.

As we know, the President has taken the lead in recognizing the fact that returning tax overpayments to taxpayers is the best and most effective way to provide the economy with a shot in the arm. However, when the President established the \$1.62 trillion tax cut threshold during his Presidential campaign, our national economy was much stronger. Today, we are at the beginning of an economic emergency. While the tax bills currently moving through Congress provide limited tax relief in the future, these measures are simply not enough to make a real economic difference now. My legislation will provide relief this year and will not breach the \$1.6 trillion threshold the President has established for fiscal year 2002 and beyond. My proposals are intended to supplement the initiatives supported by the President and the Congress.

Enacting meaningful tax reductions, that affect all taxpayers across the board, is the only real way we have of stopping the economic down turn. Now is the time for Congress to respond accordingly. I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort and hope we can enact this legislation in the very near future.

BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP ON  
YOUTH VIOLENCE

**HON. JENNIFER DUNN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, parents continue to see tragic examples that reinforce the need for immediate action to stop the violence in our nation's schools. During the 106th Congress, twenty-four Members—twelve Democrats and twelve Republicans—worked together as part of the Bipartisan Working Group on Youth Violence. As Co-Chair of the Working Group, I was involved in identifying causes and advancing through consensus solutions to fight the rise of youth violence. During our weekly meetings we reviewed studies and listened to testimony from expert witnesses from academia, law enforcement, the judicial system, and advocacy groups.

Today I am re-introducing a school safety measure that emerged as a recommendation during our Working Group discussions. Specifically, my proposal will give schools the flexibility to use their federal education dollars to hire School Resource Officers. The School Resource Officer program sends specially trained police officers into public schools to identify at-risk youth and serve as positive role models to students. One adult can make a difference in the life of a child, students can trust and count on these officers.

Just last week at Granite Hills High School in Southern California, the nation was shocked by another school shooting. The youth offender was ultimately stopped by the campus School Resource Officer. The school principal called the officer his personal hero and said

that if he weren't there, a lot of people would have died.

School Resource Officers clearly play a critical role in keeping schools safe. Nevertheless, local school officials currently face red tape when it comes to spending federal money for School Resource Officers. Under the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, schools can only spend twenty cents of each federal dollar for School Resource Officers. My initiative would lift this cap and allow schools to spend any portion of its federal funds on School Resource Officers.

Early this year, I joined King County Sheriff Dave Reichert in announcing that Dimmit Middle School in Renton, Washington will receive a School Resource Officer in response to a student firing a gun in the school cafeteria. Our nation's schools should be safe places. We must expel fear from our classrooms and do everything we can to keep our children out of danger. School Resource Officers are an important part of any school safety plan, and every effort must be made on the federal level to give schools greater flexibility to hire these officers as a violence prevention measure.

IN HONOR OF FELIX HUJARSKI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Flex E. Hujarski, a respected member of the Cleveland community.

Felix E. Hujarski will be remembered for his kind heart, his devotion to his family and friends and his dedication to Polonia. Dedicated husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Wanda, daughter, Irene Mastropieri and son, Lawrence. He is the beloved grandfather of nine and great grandfather of six. Wherever Felix went, he left behind his positive spirit, charm and humor. He was a positive life force, always sharing his love and thinking of the needs of others before his own needs. He was a most unique individual, with an obvious commitment to his family, his many friends and to his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this remarkable man. He was a man of great passion, a dedicated servant to his community, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed by all.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTY  
BUDDY PARRISH

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that an outstanding career in law enforcement has come to an end. Buddy Parrish, a Wellington, Missouri, resident, recently retired after 29 years of service as a sheriff's deputy.

Mr. Parrish has diligently served the people of Lafayette County, for nearly three decades.

His dedication to public service and to the citizens of the county is to be commended. A truly distinguished enforcement officer, Buddy was recently honored with a ceremony at the Lafayette County Courthouse. Over 80 people, including several respected civic leaders, paid tribute to Buddy's long and admirable career.

Mr. Speaker, Buddy had an exceptional career in law enforcement. I wish him all the best in the days ahead. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this fine Missourian.

A TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP BURG FOR  
2 MILLION MILES OF SAFE DRIVING

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Phillip Burg, a resident of Apple Valley, California, located in the heart of the 40th district. Phillip, a truck driver with Roadway Express for over twenty years, recently drove his two millionth mile. To put this in perspective, the average car driver would have to travel around the world eighty times to equal this milestone. And Phillip has driven that distance without a preventable accident.

Driving two million miles is an achievement in and of itself. Not having a single accident during that trek is extraordinary. A driver can travel 999,999 miles without an accident, then break a mirror on the way back to the terminal, and the count starts again at zero. Few in the trucking industry have the longevity and dedication to reach this milestone.

Sixty-one years old, Phillip has seen it all: America's giant cities and small towns, open plains and towering mountains, farms that seem to go on forever and city skylines lit up against the stars. He's driven in every kind of weather imaginable in order to get the job done. These days, Phillip hauls everyday goods to Fresno, California and back five times a week, an average of 2,400 miles a week.

The men and women of our nation's trucking industry bring us the goods we use in our everyday lives. Be it toys for children, cups for the dinner table, or frames for pictures of loved ones, America's truckers bring it to you. "If you use it, we hauled it" is a motto of truckers, and it couldn't be more true. Simply stated, Phillip and his colleagues keep America running.

I applaud Phillip's dedication to his profession and his commitment to safety. I know I join his colleagues, his wife Melody, and his three children in congratulating him for his record of success.